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Ayer's Sarsaparilla

has had in his case. I think his blood must have contained the humor for at least a year, but it did not show, except in the form of a scurvy sore on the wrist, until about five years ago. From a few spots which appeared at that time, it gradually spread so as to cover his entire body. I assure you he was terribly afflicted and an object of pity when he began using your medicine. Now, however, he is a man who enjoys as good health as he has. I could easily name fifty persons who would testify to the facts in his case. Yours truly, W. L. Phillips."

FROM THE FATHER: "It is both a duty for me to state to you the benefit I have derived from the use of

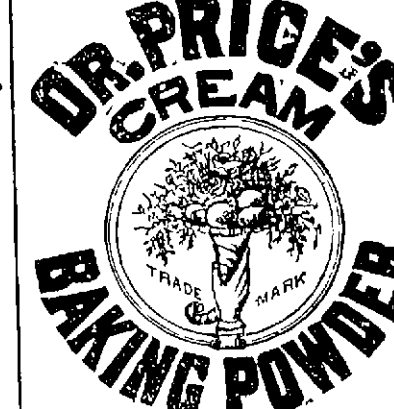
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Six months ago I was completely covered with a terrible humor and scurvy sore. The humor caused an incessant and intolerable itching, and the skin cracked so as to cause the blood to flow from many places where it itched. My sufferings were great, and my life a burden. I commenced the use of the Sarsaparilla in April last, and have used it regularly since that time. My condition began to improve at once. The sores have all healed and I feel perfectly well in every respect—being now able to do a good day's work, although 53 years of age. Many inquire what has wrought such a cure in my case, and I tell them as I have here tried to tell you, AYER'S SARSAPARILLA. Glover, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1882. Yours gratefully, HIRSH PHILLIPS."

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Dec 18-dw1

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Thalberg

Was an innovator on the piano, though not of the first rank, he had wonderfully fine fingers, the tips of which were real little cushions. When he played for the first time in public in Vienna, in 1829, his touch and expression at once conquered the audience. In Paris his winning manners and his scientific mode of education, which with a very adroit modesty, he knew how to show, though seeming to conceal it, contributed as much as his talent to render him the talk of the day. It must not, however, be surmised, that his execution, although it could not stand the test of comparison with that of the Attili of the piano, Liszt, nor the dreamy, attractive poetry of Chopin, was by any means ordinary. It is not true that, as another great calambourist pretended, Thalberg "playfully" attained his high position (en jouant). He was so fond of music that he overcame Prince Dietrichstein's prejudice against a diaphanous career, only by dint of earnest study and determination. He often left his bed at three o'clock in the morning to practice on his piano, and those who heard him, privately and knew him intimately, were much more able to appreciate the extraordinary difficulties he was able to overcome than those who only heard him play his compositions in public. It was one of the reproaches heaped upon him, that "he did not play the great masters, but that he only shone in public with his own compositions." Yet when he played Beethoven it did not "amuse" the audiences of that day, and he lived before all for his success, for his own personal glory. Among all great piano-players, it should be a sad of him that it is almost of song. His genius was not great, but he was great in his genre. He was humble, both as a man and as a performer. His position, highly recommended by his vast and supported in society by Prince Dietrichstein, who endowed him with \$20,000 and launched him with his powerful connections was of course an exceptional one. It was one of the curious anomalies of his life, that although he so earnestly preached against the arena of the century of "saluting everything to effect, the gist of it is at the aim and purpose of all his musical studies, was nothing but to please the ear, that he was naturally speaking of a most sympathetic, attractive, and irresistible organization, it would be difficult to deny, but it is, above all skill and education, which his piano compositions show, which, although influenced by Liszt's melody and Chopin's color, are nevertheless less more valuable than his orchestral and operatic compositions, which totally eclipsed. He was a celebrated man for many reasons, one of which only was his executive talent, and for the successful endeavor to sing on the piano. It is well known fact that Miss Mahler, after hearing him play one evening sang in a manner which astonished even her most ardent admirers. She made no secret of the reason of this extraordinary effort, which was caused by the excitement which the brilliancy and elegance of Thalberg's performance had engendered in her. —Temple Bar

In the Hands of the Russian Police.

In Russia every one who has the misfortune to fall into the hands of the police as a political offender, no matter how trivial his offense may be, is in nearly nine cases out of a hundred, a lost man. The preliminary detention is made at the arbitrary pleasure of the prosecution, which in Russia is another name for police, they can arrest and detain who they will. No blame attaches to a mistaken arrest, on the contrary, the more arrests the greater the merits of the prosecutor. For instance, at the time of the trial of the hundred and ninety-three, in 1878, there were over and above this number of the accused about one thousand and four hundred persons arrested. Of these half were set at liberty after a few months but the remainder were kept in prison during the whole four years that the case lasted, save only seventy-five who died some by suicide, some of consumption, some by the white terror followed upon revolutionary outbreaks of terrorism. In 1880, the reign of Alexander III—who invented a species of political prisons such as Solovki, to detain and let the severities have been even greater. But I have no personal acquaintance with the normal penalties for political crimes are simply draconian—ten years at the galleys for a single speech or for reading or preserving a proclamation. And whenever a prosecution follows an outbreak, the tribunals are specially ordered to aggravate the penalties so as to make a salutary example, and the verdicts become legal assumptions of the most monstrous character. The last Koslovsky was condemned to death and actually hanged at Krasnoyarsk, the 5th of March, 1881, he was actually having in his house a proclamation of the executive committee. The same judgment was passed on the student Lefandov for having lent his room to two revolutionaries. The student, without even taking their young host into their confidence. But his sentence was commuted to a life long condemnation to the galleys in consequence of his having the weakness to appeal for clemency. In the same manner, some of the clubbers, were all hanged—some for having subscribed money to the revolutionary cause, others for conveying a box, of which they did not know the contents but which was drawn up by two or three youths, offenses one and all which the actual law of the country punishes only with exile or a few years imprisonment. —Contemporary Review

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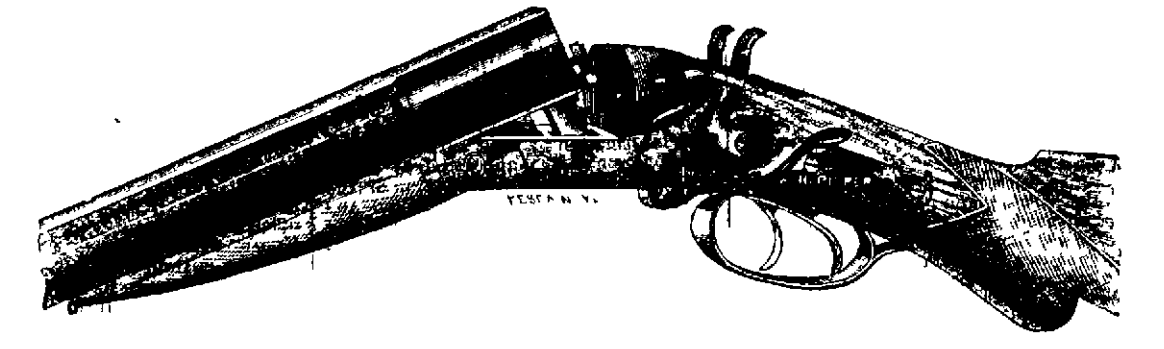
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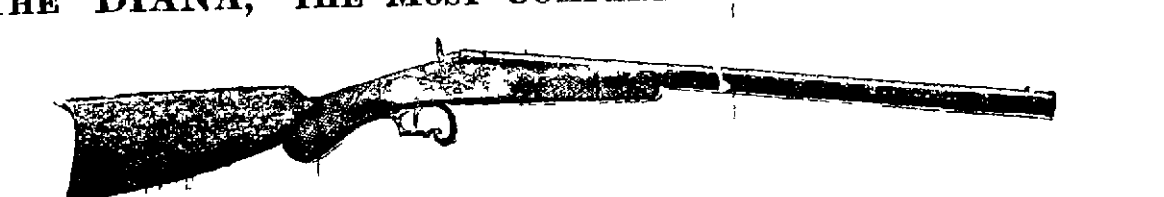
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